

CLAIMS:

1. A dongle (3) for access of guest apparatuses (2) to a wireless home network (1), comprising a memory and processing unit (33) which is connected to the guest apparatus (2) by means of an antenna (32) as well as a configuration-free interface (31).
- 5 2. A dongle as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the configuration-free interface (31) is a USB interface.
3. A dongle as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the current supply for the dongle (3) is realized via the USB interface (31).
- 10 4. A dongle as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the dongle (3) has an integrated protection unit (333) such as, for example, a firewall or a virus scanner.
- 15 5. A dongle as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the dongle (3) has a biometric device (33) for user authentication.
6. A dongle as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the biometric device (33) is a fingerprint scanner.
- 20 7. A dongle as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the dongle (3) has an additional configuration interface (34).
8. A dongle as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the configuration
25 interface (34) is a card reader.
9. A method of connecting guest apparatuses to wireless home networks, wherein the access of the guest apparatus (2) is realized via a dongle (3) which is connected to an interface (31) of the guest apparatus (2).

10. A method as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that the dongle (3) reports to the home network (1) independently.
- 5 11. A method as claimed in claim 9 or 10, characterized in that configuration parameters, which are loaded via an interface (35) of the dongle (3), are stored in the dongle (3).
12. A method as claimed in any one of claims 9 to 11, characterized in that the
10 home interface configuration of the dongle (3) is not visible to the guest apparatus (2).
13. A method as claimed in any one of claims 9 to 12, characterized in that the dongle (3) acts as a router between the guest apparatus (2) and the home network (1) and that, to this end, the guest apparatus (2) has an appropriate IP address.